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JEAN GREY SCHOOL FOR HIGHER LEARNING.
COME ON...
HENRY, CAN YOU COME UP TO THE CAFETERIA?
IN A BIT, ORORO.
ACTUALLY, I KIND OF NEED YOU NOW.
CAFETERIA
UM... WHAT IS THIS?
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IT'S NOT MY BIRTHDAY...
WE'RE HERE BECAUSE WE CARE ABOUT YOU, HENRY.
HAVE A SEAT.

Born with genetic mutations that give them abilities beyond those of normal humans, mutants are the next stage in evolution.

As such, they are feared and hated by humanity. But a group of mutants known as the X-Men fight for peaceful coexistence between mutants and humankind.

But not all mutants see peaceful coexistence as a reality.

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PREVIOUSLY IN UNCANNY X-MEN:

CYCLOPS IS THE PUBLIC FACE FOR WHAT HE CALLS THE NEW MUTANT REVOLUTION. HE HAS GATHERED THE NEWEST MUTANTS AND HAS VOWED TO TRAIN THEM. BEAST WAS SO UPSET ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH HIS PEOPLE AND SURE THAT HE WAS GOING TO DIE THAT HE WENT BACK IN TIME AND BROUGHT THE ORIGINAL X-MEN TO THE PRESENT IN AN ATTEMPT TO SOBER SCOTT SUMMERS AND PUT THINGS RIGHT BEFORE HE DIED.

THE ORIGINAL X-MEN HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES STUCK IN THE PRESENT BUT WERE HAPPY TO BE HERE BECAUSE IT GAVE THEM A SECOND CHANCE AT A LEGACY THEY COULD BE PROUD OF.

CHARLES XAVIER'S UNTIMELY DEATH AT THE HANDS OF A COSMICALLY CORRUPTED SCOTT SUMMERS HAS BROUGHT ON THE NEED TO READ HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT. THE EVENTS OF THE WILL LED CYCLOPS TO GIVE UP HIS SCHOOL, HIS RELATIONSHIPS TO HIS PARTNERS AND HIS STUDENTS. MEANWHILE SCOTT'S BROTHER ALEX SUMMERS, AKA HAVOC, ONCE THE PUBLIC FACE OF THE MUTANT CAUSE, HAS LEFT THE AVENGERS IN DEFEAT AND REUNITED WITH HIS BROTHER...BUT FOR WHAT?

THE ORIGINAL X-MAN ICEMAN HAS COME TO TERMS WITH THE FACT THAT HE IS GAY, AND WONDERS WHY HIS MODERN-DAY COUNTERPART NEVER DID.

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JUST FYI! THIS WASN'T MY IDEA, HENRY.
OH MY GOD, BOBBY, WE TOLD YOU YOU COULD LEAVE.
KITTY PRYDE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, SHE CAME ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE GALAXY TO LET ME HAVE IT ONE MORE TIME.
BUT PLEASE DON'T UNDERMINE THIS.
I CAME ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE GALAXY TO HELP MY FRIEND.
IS THIS-- IS THIS AN INTERVENTION?
YES.
WELL...
I DON'T DRINK, I DON'T SMOKE, AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ON A PROPER DATE SINCE...I'D RATHER NOT SAY...
HENRY, EVERYONE HERE LOVES OR AT LEAST RESPECTS YOU.
BUT A LOT OF US HAVE BEEN VERY FRUSTRATED.
AND BECAUSE OF OUR RATHER HECTIC LIVES AND LIFESTYLES, AND BECAUSE THE OLDER SCOTT SUMMERS ALWAYS SUCKS ALL THE AIR OUT OF ANY ROOM WE ALL FIND OURSELVES IN TOGETHER...
...WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FOCUS ON THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE BEEN TAKING GREAT LIBERTIES... AND IN OUR NAME.
WITH WHAT?
WE HAVE TRIED TALKING TO YOU. WE HAVE TRIED TO UNDERSTAND YOU...
BUT, YOU DO KNOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T...

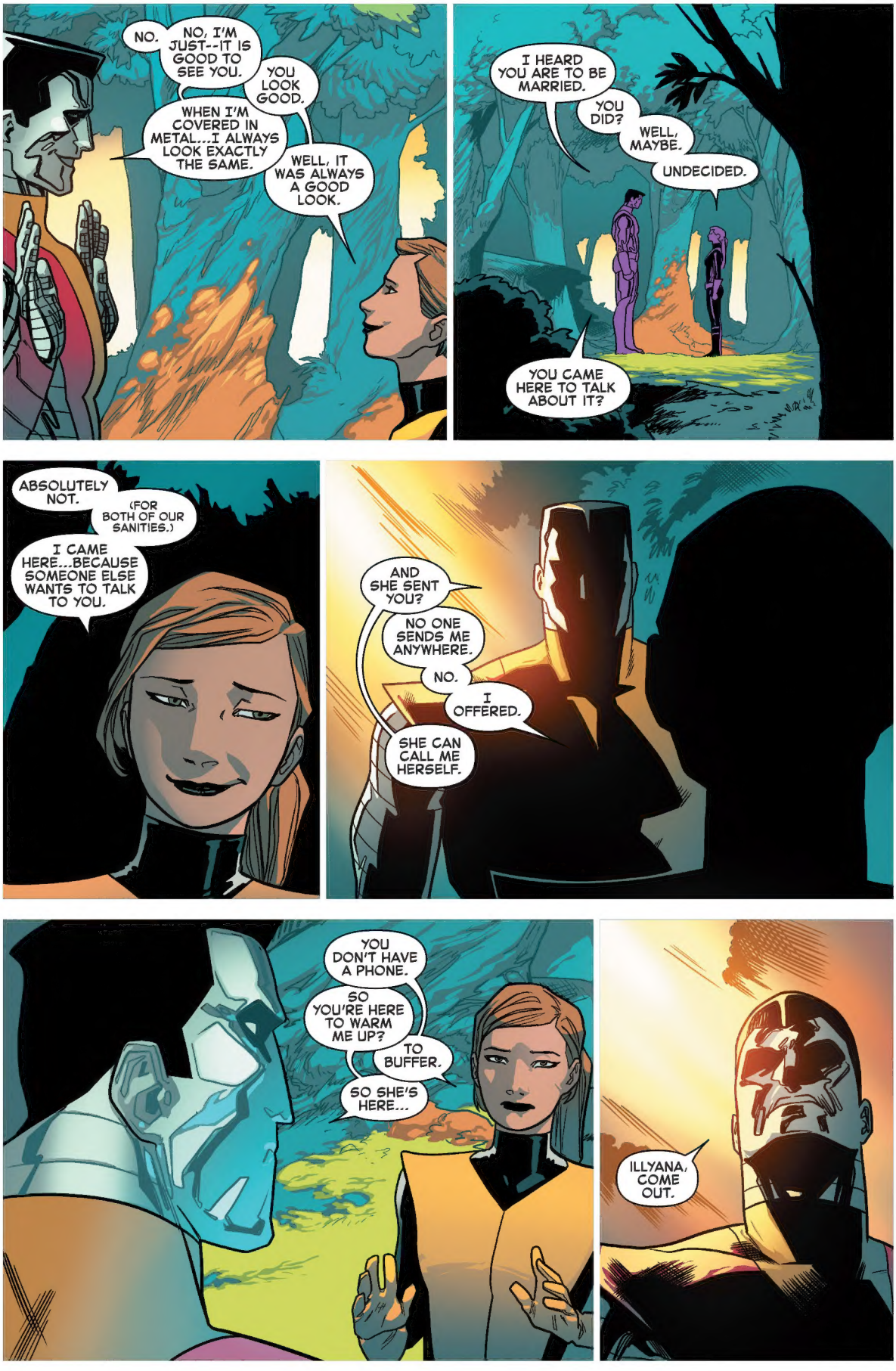
THE LAWS OF PHYSICS.
THE LAWS OF THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM...
THE LAWS OF GENETICS.
REALLY?
YOU TOO, MY YOUNGER SELF?
OH...
THIS ISN'T AN INTERVENTION, AFTER ALL...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LABEL IT, WE JUST WANT TO--
THIS IS A TRIAL!

ARAKOON
20 MINUTES AGO.

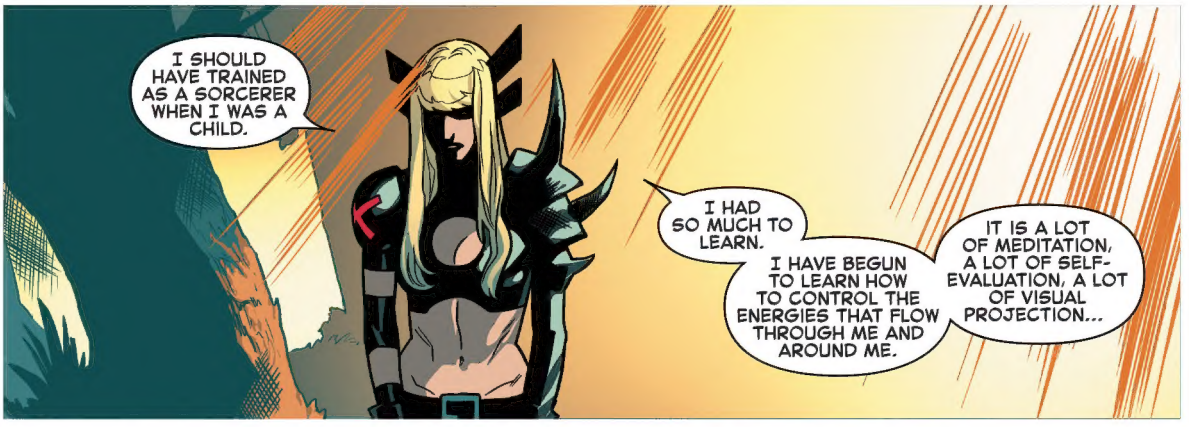
WELL, YOU SHOWED THAT TREE A THING OR TWO ABOUT A THING OR TWO...

KATYA.
HEY, PETER.
I THOUGHT YOU NO LONGER LIVED ON THIS PLANET.

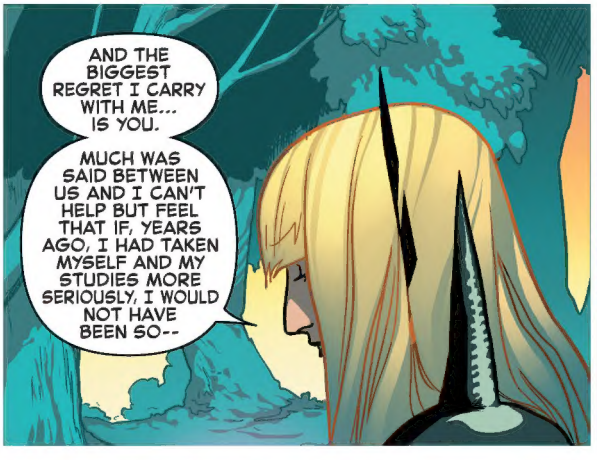
IT'S REALLY ME, PETER.
WE LIVE IN A WORLD OF SHAPE-SHIFTERS AND PSYCHICS.
DO YOU WANT ME TO TELL YOU WHAT YOU CALL THAT THING ON YOUR BUTT?


NO.
NO, I'M JUST--IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU.
YOU LOOK GOOD.
WHEN I'M COVERED IN METAL...I ALWAYS LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME.
WELL, IT WAS ALWAYS A GOOD LOOK.
I HEARD YOU ARE TO BE MARRIED.
YOU DID?
WELL, MAYBE.
UNDECIDED.
YOU CAME HERE TO TALK ABOUT IT?
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
(FOR BOTH OF OUR SANITIES.)
I CAME HERE...BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU.
AND SHE SENT YOU?
NO ONE SENDS ME ANYWHERE.
NO.
I OFFERED.
SHE CAN CALL ME HERSELF.
YOU DON'T HAVE A PHONE.
SO YOU'RE HERE TO WARM ME UP?
TO BUFFER.
SO SHE'S HERE...
ILLYANA, COME OUT.

YOU LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME, BROTHER.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I SAID.
YOU LOOK QUITE DIFFERENT.
I AM DIFFERENT.
I HAVE BEEN TEACHING, AND I HAVE BEEN TRAINING WITH DOCTOR STRANGE.
REALLY?

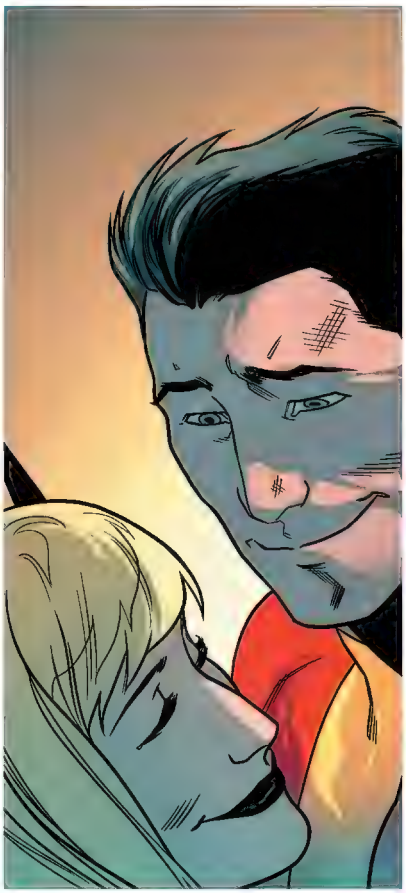

I SHOULD HAVE TRAINED AS A SORCERER WHEN I WAS A CHILD.
I HAD SO MUCH TO LEARN.
I HAVE BEGUN TO LEARN HOW TO CONTROL THE ENERGIES THAT FLOW THROUGH ME AND AROUND ME.
IT IS A LOT OF MEDITATION, A LOT OF SELF-EVALUATION, A LOT OF VISUAL PROJECTION...

WHICH MEANS THAT I TRY TO IMAGINE THE WORLD I WANT TO LIVE IN AND THEN...TRY TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

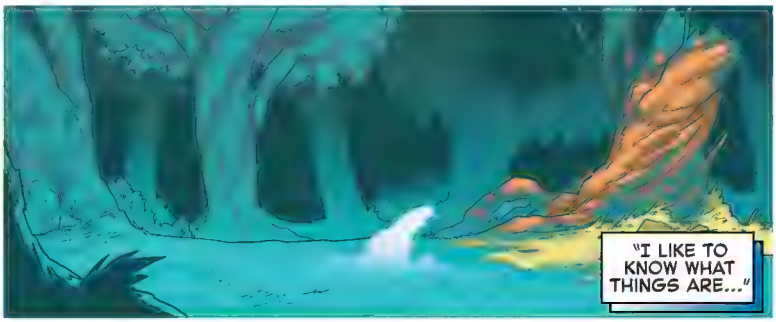

AND THE BIGGEST REGRET I CARRY WITH ME... IS YOU.
MUCH WAS SAID BETWEEN US AND I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL THAT IF, YEARS AGO, I HAD TAKEN MYSELF AND MY STUDIES MORE SERIOUSLY, I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SO--

STOP.

I LOVE YOU.
EVEN DURING ALL OF THIS, EVEN WHEN I'M ANGRY, I STILL LOVE YOU.
WE ARE THE ONLY FAMILY WE HAVE.



YAY.
OH, ORORO IS CALLING EVERYONE IN.
WONDER WHAT THAT'S ABOUT...
KITTY IS GETTING MARRIED.
I KNOW.
MAKE YOUR MOVE AND STOP IT.
SSHH... I WANT HER TO BE HAPPY.


"I LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THINGS ARE..."

...AND BY ANY DEFINITION, THIS IS A TRIAL.
I HAVE TALKED TO YOU ABOUT THESE THINGS AND YOU HAVE IGNORED ME.
SLOWLY BUT SURELY I CAME TO REALIZE THAT MANY PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM HAVE TRIED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE EXACT SAME THINGS.
AND THEY ALL FELT...THAT YOU IGNORED THEM.
THAT IS NOT A REASON TO DO WHAT YOU ARE DOING RIGHT NOW.
WHAT ELSE COULD WE DO?!
THE OTHER THING TO DO IS CALL S.H.I.E.L.D. AND HAVE THEM PUT YOU IN A BOX FOR CRIMES AGAINST NATURE AND SCIENCE.
THAT'S THE OTHER THING.
BECAUSE YOU HAVE COMPLETELY TURNED THIS SCHOOL AND YOURSELF INSIDE OUT AND UPSIDE DOWN WITHOUT TALKING TO ANY OF US ABOUT IT.
THAT'S NOT HOW WE DO THINGS HERE.
WHY ARE THE STUDENTS HERE?
WHY ARE SCOTT SUMMERS' STUDENTS HERE?!

THIS-- YOUR ACTIONS-- THIS AFFECTS ALL OF US.
AND NO MATTER HOW THIS TURNS OUT, THIS IS SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT THAT NEEDS TO BE TAUGHT...
...AND FOR THE LIFE OF ME I DON'T THINK THERE'S EVER BEEN A BETTER WAY TO TEACH IT.
AND THAT THIS IS EMBARRASSING YOU? GOOD.
IT SHOULD.
THAT MEANS THAT PART OF YOU IS STILL SPINNING THE RIGHT WAY.
AT FIRST I THOUGHT: GODDESS, SOMEONE SHOULD HAVE TALKED TO YOU ABOUT POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY BACK WHEN YOU WERE A STUDENT HERE.
BUT I RECENTLY TALKED TO YOU BACK WHEN YOU WERE A STUDENT HERE--(BECAUSE YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH TO BREAK THE TIME-SPACE CONTINUUM TO BRING YOURSELF HERE)--AND GUESS WHAT?
YOU DID KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG.
HE KNOWS! WHY DON'T YOU?
MOST OF THE THINGS THAT I'M WORKING ON...
...IT WOULD TAKE ME WEEKS, IF NOT MONTHS, TO PROPERLY EXPLAIN THEM TO YOU.
YOU WOULDN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND THE PARAMETERS OF THE SUBJECT MATTER THAT I'M ATTEMPTING TO--
WHEN YOU SAY THINGS LIKE THAT--
--YOU'RE NOT DOING YOURSELF ANY FAVORS.
OH, GOOD LORD.
THIS IS A NIGHTMARE.
STOP IT.
YOU, STOP IT.
WE TALKED ABOUT THIS.

30 MINUTES AGO.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS STOP ME.

AT THIS POINT I WILL SETTLE FOR A "TAG, YOU'RE IT."

OW, MY BALLS.

GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY, DID SCOTT SUMMERS TEACH YOU NEW MUTANTS ANYTHING AT THAT UNDERGROUND SCHOOL OF HIS BEFORE HE SHUT IT DOWN?

CLEARLY.

CLEARLY NOT ENOUGH, OW.

GO LICK YOUR WOUNDS AND WE'LL FIGURE OUT HOW TO COMPLETELY RETRAIN YOU...

...IF ANY OF YOU STILL PLAN ON STICKING AROUND HERE.

(GOLDBALLS.)

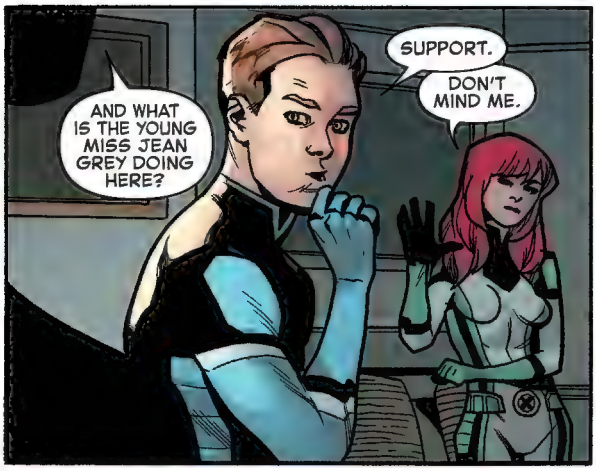
HI, MUCH OLDER ICE-ME.

WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE?

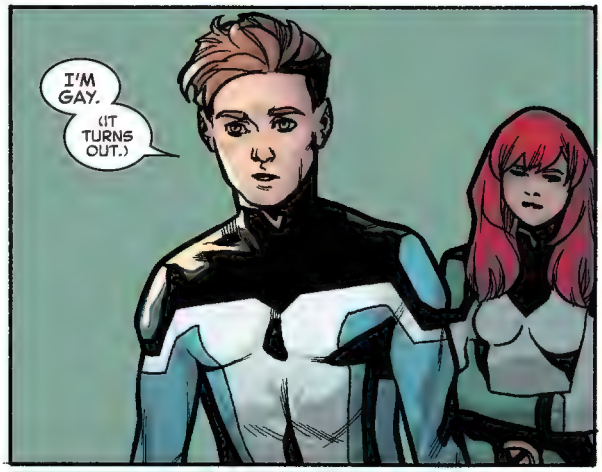
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU.

OH.

I DON'T LIKE THIS.


AND WHAT IS THE YOUNG MISS JEAN GREY DOING HERE?
SUPPORT.
DON'T MIND ME.

SUPPORT TO TALK TO *ME?*
WE'RE THE *SAME PERSON* FROM DIFFERENT TIME PERIODS.
I'M NOT GOING TO MURDER YOU OR ANYTHING...THAT WOULD BE BAD FOR ME.
EVEN THOUGH THE DESIRE TO DO SO IS SOMETIMES... OVERWHELMING.


I'M GAY.
(IT TURNS OUT.)

SO THAT MEANS YOU ARE TOO.
RIGHT?

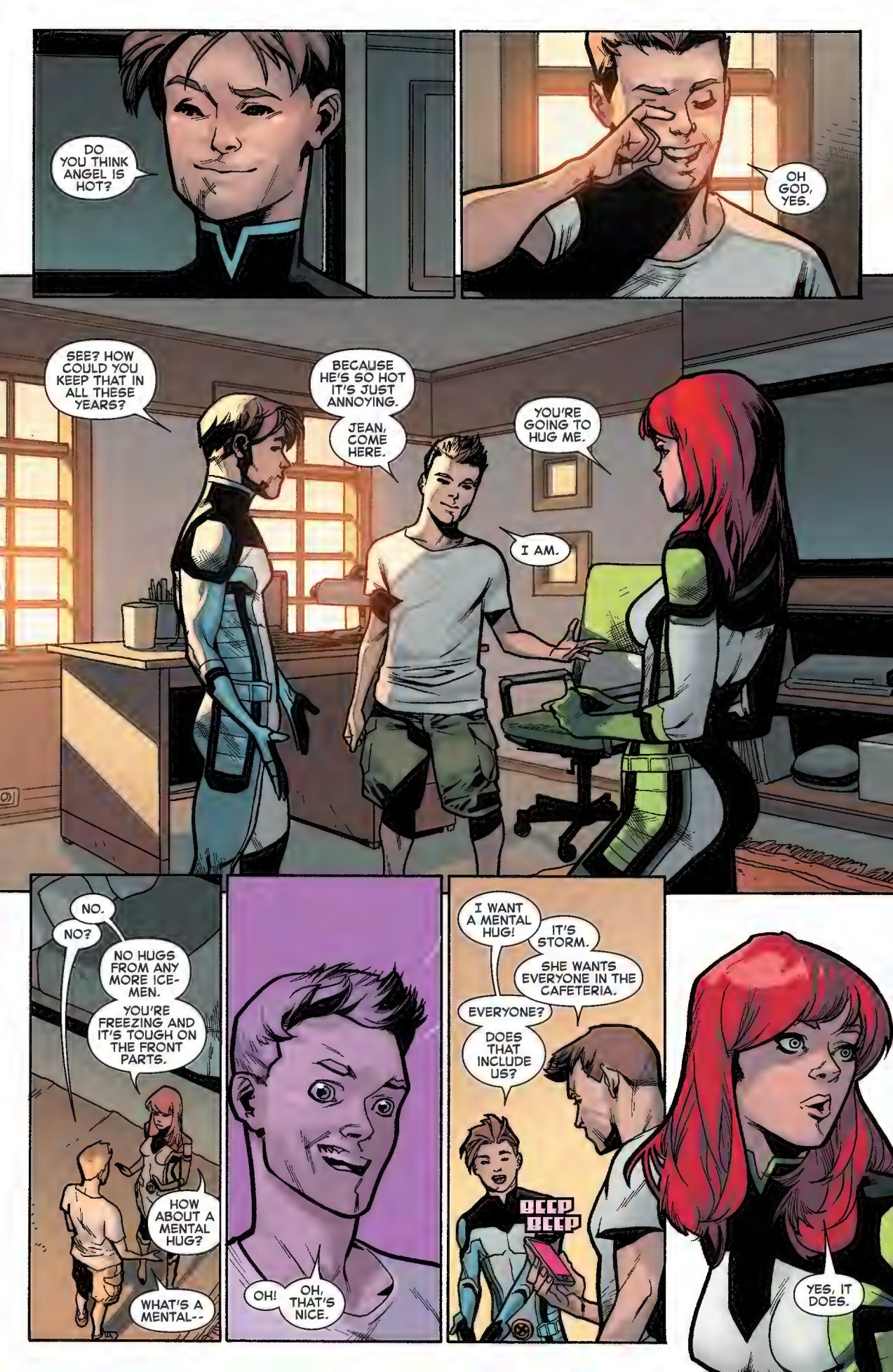
OH MY GOD, I AM GOING TO *KILL* HENRY McCOY FOR BRINGING YOU HERE.

SO, *UM,* I DON'T THINK I WANT TO LIVE MY WHOLE LIFE HIDING THIS PART OF MYSELF.
I UNDERSTAND WHY MAYBE YOU DID...
...THOUGH I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU *STILL* DO...

THIS IS WHY NOBODY LIKES YOU, JEAN GREY.

NO... EVERYBODY LIKES HER TOO MUCH.
TRUE.
WE DON'T LIKE HER BECAUSE WE WERE HIDING SOMETHING... EVEN FROM OURSELVES.
TRUE.
BUT, HEY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING...I JUST WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT.
YOU CAN KEEP DOING WHATEVER YOU WANT, BUT I'M STUCK HERE AND I THINK I'M GOING TO TRY TO LIVE THIS MY WAY.
TINK
YOU'RE GOING TO BE A MUTANT AND GAY.
WOW.
HOW ARE YOU MORE PUT TOGETHER THAN ME?
SO YOU ARE GAY.

I PUT ALL MY ENERGY INTO BEING A MUTANT AND AN X-MAN AND PUTTING MY LIFE IN DANGER EVERY TEN MINUTES FOR EVERYONE ELSE.
AND THAT'S NOT A BRAG. I MADE THAT CHOICE.
AND YOU ASK YOURSELF: CAN I JUST HAVE ONE PART OF MY LIFE THAT I'M NOT BEING PERSECUTED FOR?
JUST TODAY...
...AND MAYBE TOMORROW...
...AND THEN THE NEXT WEEK... AND THEN THE NEXT WEEK AND THEN THE NEXT WEEK...
AND THE YEARS GO BY AND IT GETS EASIER TO PUT THAT PART OF YOURSELF AWAY.
AND THEN SO MUCH TIME GOES BY THAT...YOU SAY TO YOURSELF LATE AT NIGHT: ONE DAY, MAYBE.
AND THEN YOU DO THINGS TO SEE IF MAYBE YOU'RE STRAIGHT OR...UGH!
IT'S NOT TOO LATE.
SOME PEOPLE DON'T COME OUT UNTIL THEY'RE, LIKE, 80.
UM...
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
HE'S WONDERING IF IT'S SELFISH TO PUT, LIKE, JUST 10% OF THE PERSON THAT HE IS TO THE X-MEN INTO MAKING HIMSELF HAPPY--HAPPY AND WHOLE FOR ONCE IN HIS LIFE.
THERE'S A BIG ARGUMENT THAT SAYS YOU MIGHT BE A BETTER X-MAN AND A BETTER TEACHER IF YOU'RE READY TO BE THE WHOLE YOU.
OH MY GOD...
I'M SHAKING.
I DON'T SHAKE.
I'M MADE OF ICE.
CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
AND I WANT YOU TO BE REALLY HONEST WITH ME.

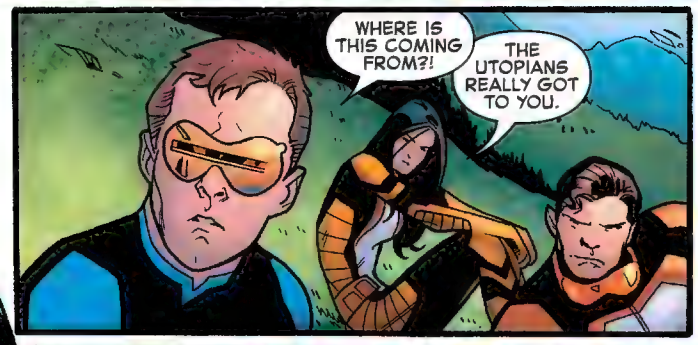

DO YOU THINK ANGEL IS HOT?
OH GOD, YES.
SEE? HOW COULD YOU KEEP THAT IN ALL THESE YEARS?
BECAUSE HE'S SO HOT IT'S JUST ANNOYING.
JEAN, COME HERE.
YOU'RE GOING TO HUG ME.
I AM.
NO.
NO?
NO HUGS FROM ANY MORE ICE-MEN.
YOU'RE FREEZING AND IT'S TOUGH ON THE FRONT PARTS.
HOW ABOUT A MENTAL HUG?
WHAT'S A MENTAL--
OH!
OH, THAT'S NICE.
I WANT A MENTAL HUG!
IT'S STORM.
SHE WANTS EVERYONE IN THE CAFETERIA.
EVERYONE?
DOES THAT INCLUDE US?
BEEP BEEP
YES, IT DOES.

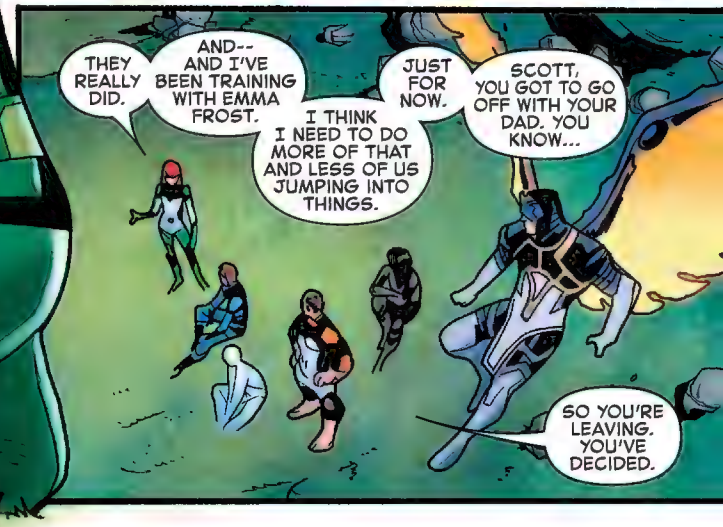
BECAUSE, HENRY, SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY YOU CONVINCED YOURSELF THAT YOUR BRILLIANCE ALLOWS YOU THE RIGHT TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WHENEVER YOU WANT TO DO IT.
I REMEMBER YOU ONCE MARRYING A--
WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ME, HENRY.
TAKE A STEP BACK AND LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE DONE JUST THIS YEAR AND LOOK AT WHAT WE KNOW THE FUTURE YOU IS CAPABLE OF...
NOW I'M BEING BLAMED FOR MY FUTURE ACTIONS?
DARK BEAST, AS WE SO AFFECTIONATELY REFERRED TO HIM, DID JUST TRY TO KILL US, LIKE, THREE WEEKS AGO.
HE DID?
IT WAS NOT COOL.
EACH OF US HERE IS DOING WHAT WE THINK IS BEST FOR OUR PEOPLE.
EACH ONE OF US.
BUT YOU JUST DO IT, HENRY.
YOU DON'T CONSULT ANY OF US.
YOU BRING THE ORIGINAL X-MEN HERE AND NOW THEY'RE STUCK HERE.
THAT ALONE...

THE NEW XAVIER SCHOOL.
LOCATION SECRET.

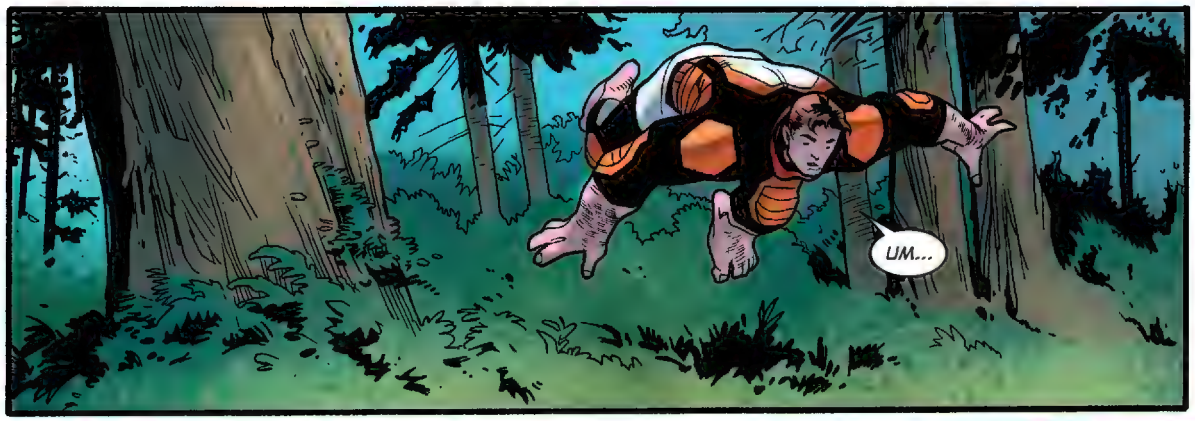
40 MINUTES AGO.

LET'S TRY THIS ONE MORE TIME.
ONE MORE.
RELAXING.
RELAXING COMMENCED!
ENJOYING THE EARTH.
BOBBY.





WHY DON'T WE ALL TAKE A BREAK?
JUST ALL GO OUR SEPARATE WAYS?
WHERE IS THIS COMING FROM?
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT.
JUST FOR NOW.
SEE WHAT LIFE IS LIKE NOT LIVING IN AN UNDERGROUND BUNKER.
WELL, EASY FOR YOU, YOU'RE RICH.
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?
OKAY, CAN I HAVE SOME MONEY?
SURE.
I WAS JOKING, BUT OKAY.
I BROKE UP THE X-MEN.
HOW DID HE BREAK US UP?
HE MEANS THE OLDER HIM.
THE OLDER HIM BROUGHT US HERE AND NOW WE'RE FALLING APART.
I'LL TALK TO HIM.


UM...

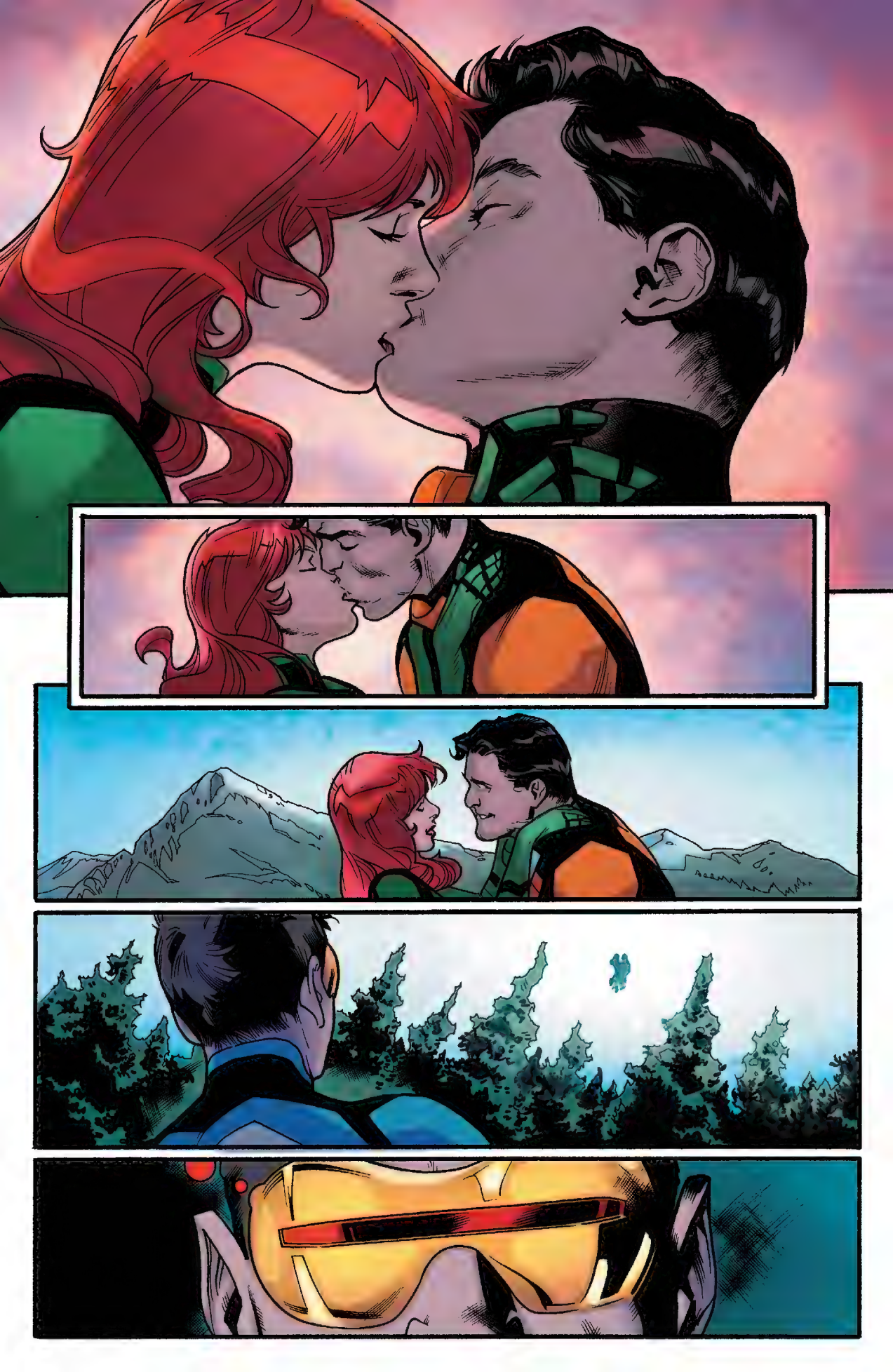
UM...

IT'S RUDE TO WALK AWAY FROM A LADY WHEN SHE'S TALKING.
PUT. ME. DOWN!
NO.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS IS LIKE!
WHAT'S IT LIKE?
EVER SINCE WE CAME HERE TO THIS PLACE, IT HAS BEEN ONE HUMILIATING PIE IN THE FACE AFTER THE OTHER.
EVERYONE BLAMES ME FOR WHAT MY OLDER SELF DID TO US AND YOU ALL KEEP DIVERGING FROM OUR PATH.
NOW YOU WANT TO LEAVE.
WE'LL NEVER GET BACK TOGETHER.
THE PROBABILITIES OF THIS AS THE END OF--

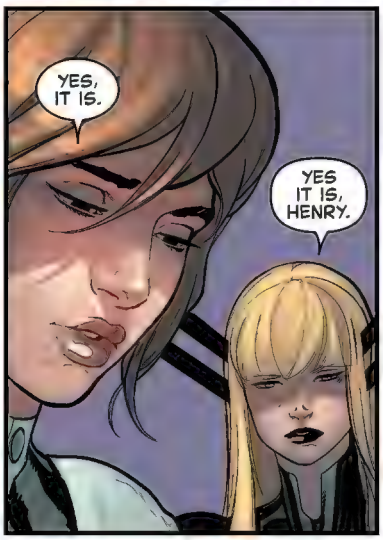
HENRY.
WE HAVE IRREVOCABLY CHANGED THE COURSE OF OUR OWN DESTINY AND NONE OF IT FOR--
HENRY...
OF COURSE YOU WOULD LEAVE THE X-MEN! OF COURSE YOU--
HENRY...
...I'M QUITE FOND OF YOU.

WHAT?
I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR ME.
I KNOW.
AND JUST BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO BE AN X-MAN RIGHT NOW DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T WANT TO BE WITH YOU RIGHT NOW.
DEFINE "WITH ME."
I'M SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG TO RESPOND TO YOU.
MY HEAD SPACE IS-- WELL, IT IS NOT LIKE EVERYONE ELSE'S.
I HEAR THOUGHTS I SHOULDN'T. I FEEL FEELINGS I SHOULDN'T.
IT MAKES THINGS MORE... COMPLICATED.
I JUST ASSUMED YOU HAD NO INTEREST IN--
I KNOW.
BUT THAT'S YOUR THING.
THIS IS HOW I ACTUALLY FEEL.



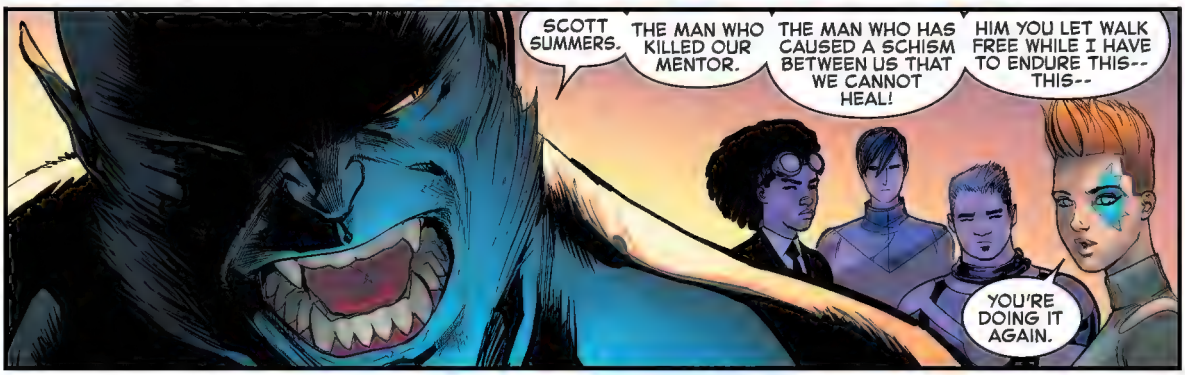
JUST BECAUSE I HAVE THE CAPACITY TO UNDERSTAND THINGS ON A LEVEL THAT MOST OTHERS DON'T... DOESN'T MEAN I'M THE BAD GUY! I'VE SEEN EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM, EVERY ONE OF YOU, DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO WHEN YOU HAD TO DO IT.
I LOVE YOU, HENRY, BUT--

I DON'T THINK YOU DO, ORORO.
I USED TO THINK YOU DID BUT THIS IS NOT AN ACT OF LOVE.


YES, IT IS.
YES IT IS, HENRY.

HOW ON EARTH ARE YOU STANDING THERE AND ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN TO ME?
YOU-- YOU BROUGHT US HERE ON A LIE AND NOW WE CAN'T GO HOME.
ADMIT THAT AND I--I THINK YOU AND EVERYONE WILL FIND A--

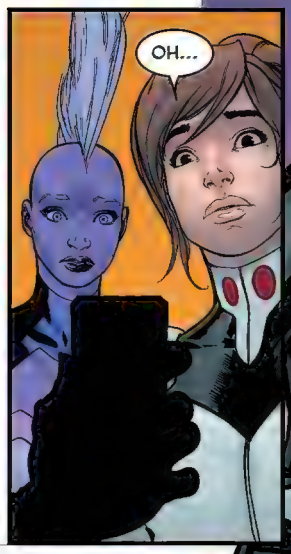
I BROUGHT YOU HERE TO STOP SCOTT SUMMERS FROM CREATING MUTANT GENOCIDE!
IT WORKED.
THE MUTANT GENOCIDE DID NOT HAPPEN!


SCOTT SUMMERS.
THE MAN WHO KILLED OUR MENTOR.
THE MAN WHO HAS CAUSED A SCHISM BETWEEN US THAT WE CANNOT HEAL!
HIM YOU LET WALK FREE WHILE I HAVE TO ENDURE THIS-- THIS--
YOU'RE DOING IT AGAIN.

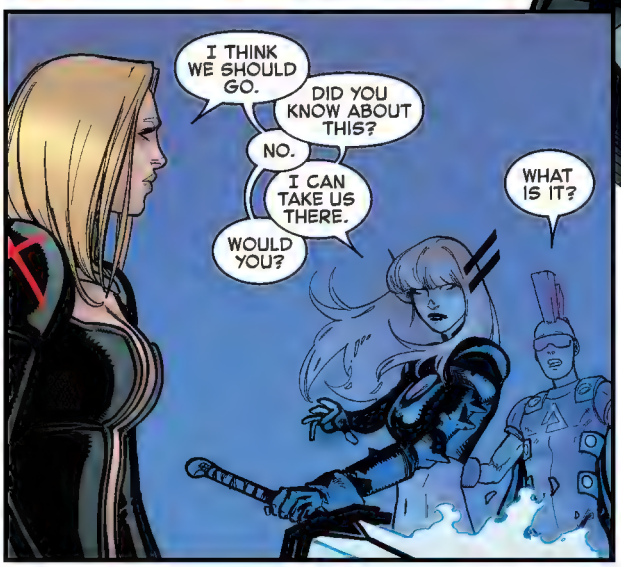
YOU ARE.
WHAT AM I DOING?
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT SCOTT SUMMERS...
...WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT YOU.
SHAME ON YOU!
SHAME ON ALL OF YOU.
YOU CAN ALL GO TO HELL!
WHAT I'VE DONE FOR YOU.
NOBODY WANTS YOU TO LEAVE.
WE WANT TO HELP YOU BUT YOU HAVE TO--
I CAN MAKE HIM STAY.
DO NOT.
THAT IS HARDLY THE POINT.
HENRY!
NO!
WE WANT TO HELP YOU.
BUT YOU HAVE TO WANT OUR HELP.
GLEE GLEE

I'LL GO.
NO.
BUT--
DOES ANYBODY ELSE HEAR THAT?
GLEE GLEE
GLEE GLEE
WHAT?
YOU'RE BEEPING, BENJAMIN.
NO, I'M NOT.
YOU TOTALLY ARE.
GLEE GLEE
WHAT THE HELLY HELL?
GLEE GLEE
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT IS THIS?
THIS ISN'T MINE.
IT'S A CEREBRO.
A CEREBRO?
IT FINDS MUTANTS.
GLEE GLEE
I KNOW, BUT WHAT IS IT DOING IN MY POCKET AND WHY IS IT BEEPING?
WHAT IS IT?
IS--IS THAT WASHINGTON, D.C.?

YES.
IT'S DEFINITELY WASHINGTON, D.C.

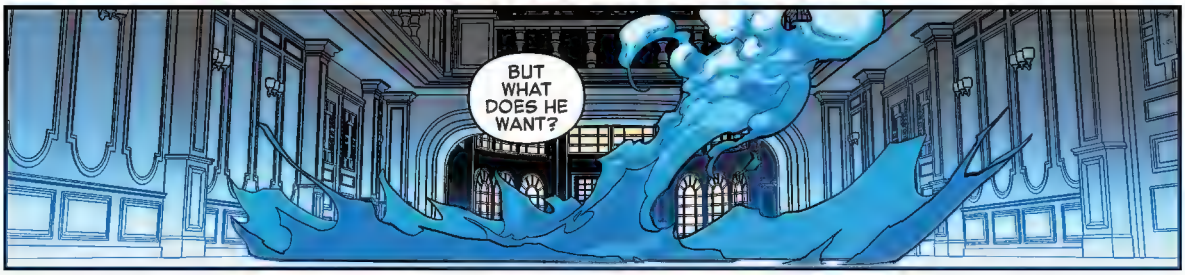

OH...

GODDESS, DAMN HIM!
IS THIS REAL?
WHAT IS IT?
WELL, IT'S REAL.
IT'S ALL OVER THE NEWS!


I THINK WE SHOULD GO.
DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?
NO.
I CAN TAKE US THERE.
WOULD YOU?
WHAT IS IT?

THIS.
YOU STUDENTS DON'T HAVE TO GO, BUT WE DO.
IT IS COMPLETELY UP TO YOU.
AND THIS IS NOT A TEST.

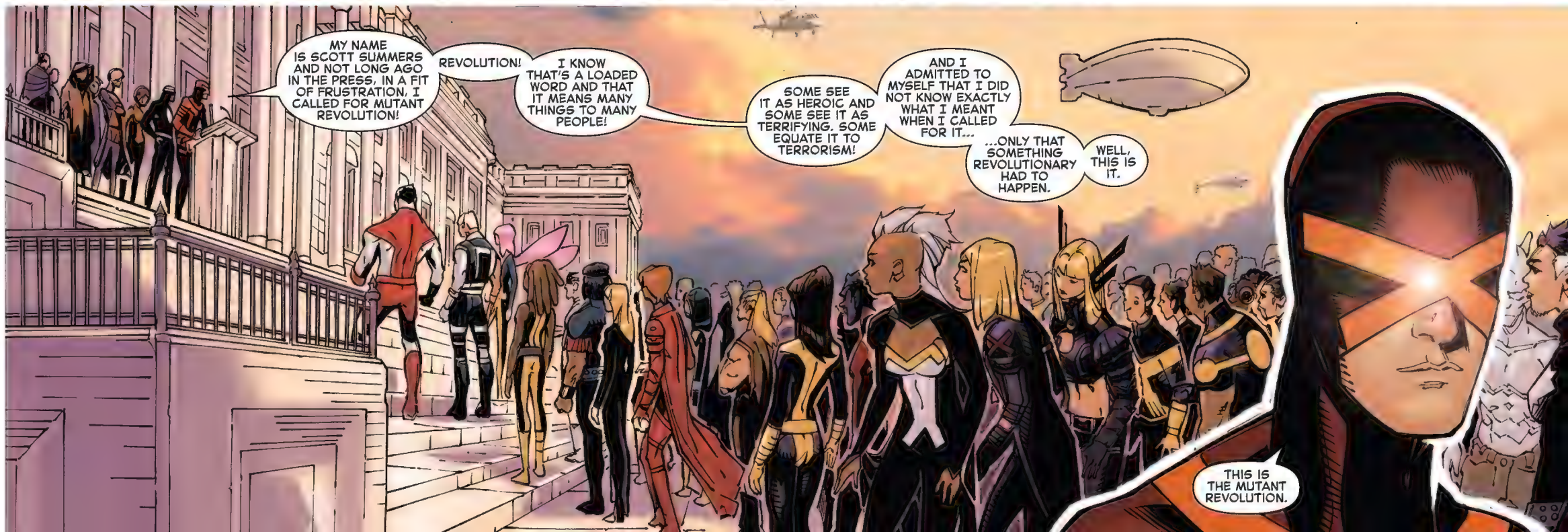
ACCORDING TO OUR MUTANT HIVE MIND, EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM REALLY WANTS TO GO.
LET'S JUST DO IT.
HE KNOWS WE'RE COMING.
DOES HE WANT TO FIGHT?
THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO DO.
HE DOESN'T WANT TO FIGHT.


BUT WHAT DOES HE WANT?

GODDESS...

AND NOW THE X-MEN HAVE ARRIVED.
OUR GREATEST EDUCATORS AND CHAMPIONS.

HUMANS AND MUTANTS ALL OVER THE WORLD, I HAVE GATHERED ALL OF US HERE!
EVERY SINGLE MUTANT ON THE PLANET EARTH!
ALL OF US!
SO WE CAN JOIN TOGETHER IN REVOLUTION!


MY NAME IS SCOTT SUMMERS AND NOT LONG AGO IN THE PRESS, IN A FIT OF FRUSTRATION, I CALLED FOR MUTANT REVOLUTION!
REVOLUTION!
I KNOW THAT'S A LOADED WORD AND THAT IT MEANS MANY THINGS TO MANY PEOPLE!
SOME SEE IT AS HEROIC AND SOME SEE IT AS TERRIFYING. SOME EQUATE IT TO TERRORISM!
AND I ADMITTED TO MYSELF THAT I DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I MEANT WHEN I CALLED FOR IT...
...ONLY THAT SOMETHING REVOLUTIONARY HAD TO HAPPEN.
WELL, THIS IS IT.
THIS IS THE MUTANT REVOLUTION.

HERE WE ARE. ALL OF US.

EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US.

EVERY MUTANT IN THE WORLD ON THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

IN THE HEART OF EVERYTHING DEMOCRATIC AND GOOD...

AND YOU HEAR THAT?

DO YOU SEE THAT?

NOTHING.

NOTHING IS HAPPENING.

THE HUMANS' WORST NIGHTMARE ABOUT MUTANTS IS THAT WE WOULD UNITE AND ATTACK.

UNITE AND CONQUER.

UNITE AND COME AFTER THEM.

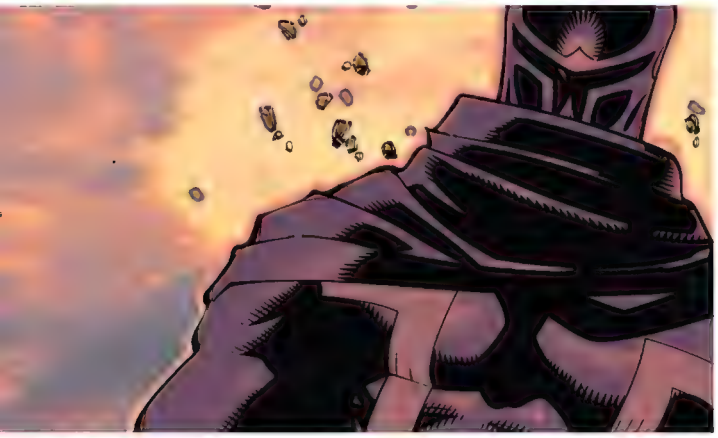
WELL, HERE WE ARE, UNITED.

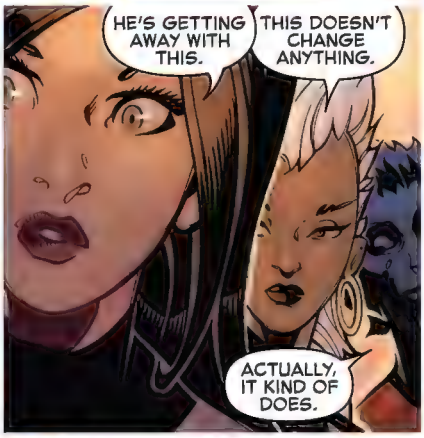
AND...

...ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL?

SUMMERS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

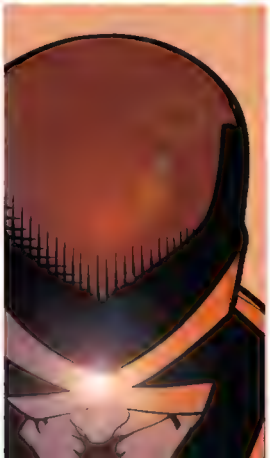
MAGNETO--ERIC--WE'RE DEMONSTRATING ONCE AND FOR ALL WHAT WE ARE.
AND I REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO DO THIS WITHOUT YOU.
WOULD YOU JOIN US IN SHOWING THE WORLD THAT THEY HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM US?




HE'S GETTING AWAY WITH THIS.
THIS DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING.
ACTUALLY, IT KIND OF DOES.

YOU'VE FINALLY LOST YOUR MIND, SCOTT SUMMERS.

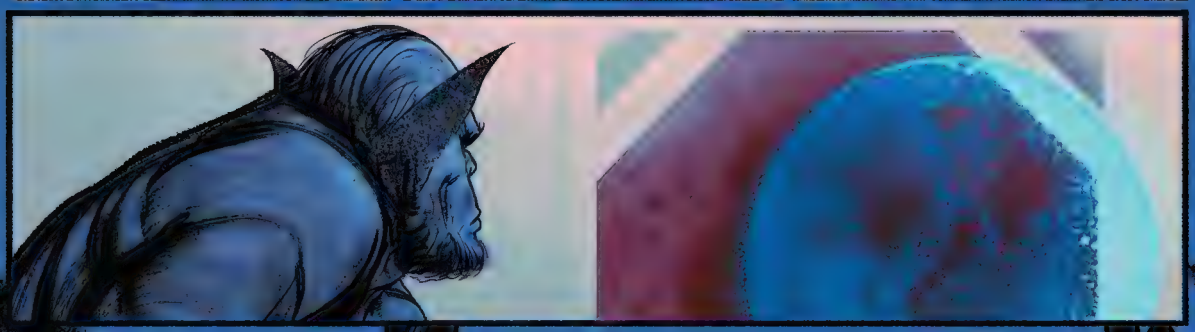
BUT CHARLES XAVIER WOULD HAVE LOVED THIS.

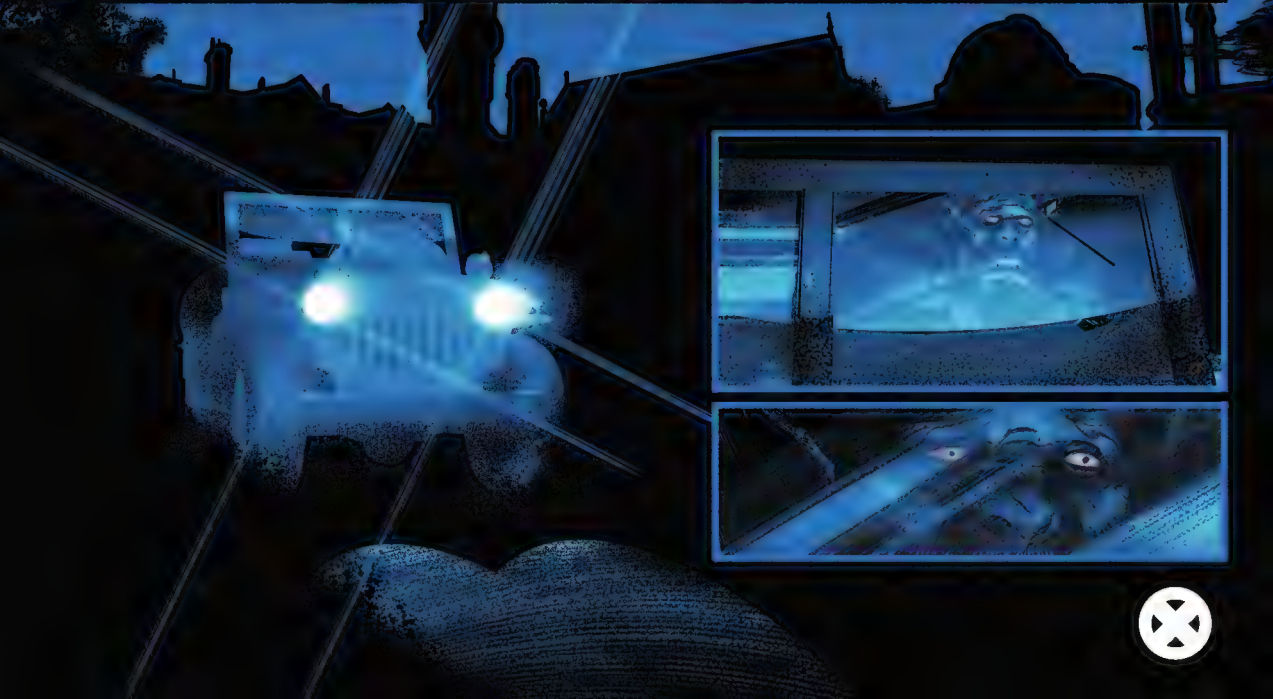


AND IT WORKED.
YOU MANIPULATIVE BASTARD...
WHAT'S NEXT, DOCTOR?
WHICH ONE ARE YOU?
WHY AREN'T YOU WITH THE OTHERS?
MY NAME IS EVA BELL.
OH, YES, TIME BUBBLES.
I'M A TIME TRAVELER AS WELL.
SEEN ANYTHING INTERESTING?
ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY.
IN FACT, IN MY TRAVELS, THREE SEPARATE TIMES I WAS TOLD THERE WILL BE A TRIAL OF HENRY McCOY AND IT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT.
THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT YOU EXPERIENCE IT.
EXCUSE ME...
...I'VE HAD ENOUGH FOR ONE DAY.
DO YOU THINK WHAT HAPPENED TODAY WAS IT OR DO YOU THINK THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE COMING?

WELL, I WOULDN'T KNOW.
YOU TIME-TRAVELED, YOU TELL ME.
BECAUSE IF THIS WAS IT... WHAT DO YOU DO WITH WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?
AND IF THIS WASN'T IT...

"AND IF THIS WASN'T IT" WHAT?





X-MEN GOODBYES...FOR NOW...

And finally...it is over.

At least for me. For the X-Men it is never over.

But for me, personally, what a mountain to climb. Even after all I have been lucky enough to accomplish in comics. Even after a 16-year run (and counting) on *Spider-Man*, even after the longest run on *Avengers* ever (oh, the bragging). The X-Men were a daunting task. The X-Men are a sprawling comic-book universe unto themselves. A literal cast of thousands who carry with them the long, powerful shadows of creators who have made such a profound stamp that they almost feel like part of the cast.

And the statement of the X-Men means everything to me. I am Jewish. I am the father of a multi-racial household. I have felt the pain and struggle of being judged and shunned for being different. The story Kitty Pryde tells about being Jewish in *All-New X-Men* was a true a story about myself. As true a confession as I have ever told in a comic, and I have done autobiographical comics.

The X-Men mean the world to me.

I even shaved my head to look more like Charles Xavier! Let's see Jeff Lemire do that!! :)

To have finally found my way into their world, to add mutants to the roster, to find new stories to tell with them is something I will always be insanely proud of.

The thing I will be most proud of is the artists I was honored to collaborate with. I said to anyone who would listen that the X-Men have to have the best artists working in comics today. The X-Men I grew up on were by John Byrne, Dave Cockrum, Paul Smith, Bill Sienkiewicz, Walt Simonson, and so many more. It had to be the modern version of that. The X-Men we gave you were by Stuart Immonen, Wade von Grawbadger, Chris Bachalo, Dave Marquez, Frazer Irving, Kris Anka, Andrea Sorrentino, and so many more. As far as I am concerned: Mission Accomplished.

Thank you to Axel for handing me the gold idea of the original X-Men coming to the present to witness their own legacy and staying to change it. Thank you to all the editors who worked on the book, and there were many. To all the colorists and letterers and especially Marte Gracia who saw his star rise through the roof because of his time on this book.

And to all of you who love these characters like they are members of your family. To all of you for never having a consensus on how things "should be," who your favorite characters are, or how much of a jerk Scott Summers could and should be.

As I said when I first joined the book, I knew I was coming in with some X-notoriety. Even before I joined, I had already coined the words "no more mutants," I had already killed Charles Xavier, I had already given Wolverine his memories back, and I broke up Scott and Emma. (NO!!!) So many of you were worried about me and I totally got that and you gave me a shot anyhow and stayed with us to the big, albeit delayed, end.

So, what now?

Well, Kitty Pryde is coming with me to *Guardians of the Galaxy* (JEWS IN SPACE!), and there are even rumors of Goldballs finding his way into *Spider-Man* (What?? No way!!) (Spoilers!!).

So I guess I'll never be fully done with the X-Men.

I do know some of the plans for these new X-books going forward and they sound AMAZING! Jeff Lemire and the gang are coming out swinging and with my darlings Mark Bagley and Humberto Ramos the legacy of gorgeousness WILL continue.

Thank you.

BENDIS!
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X-MEN DATA LOG

ICEMAN

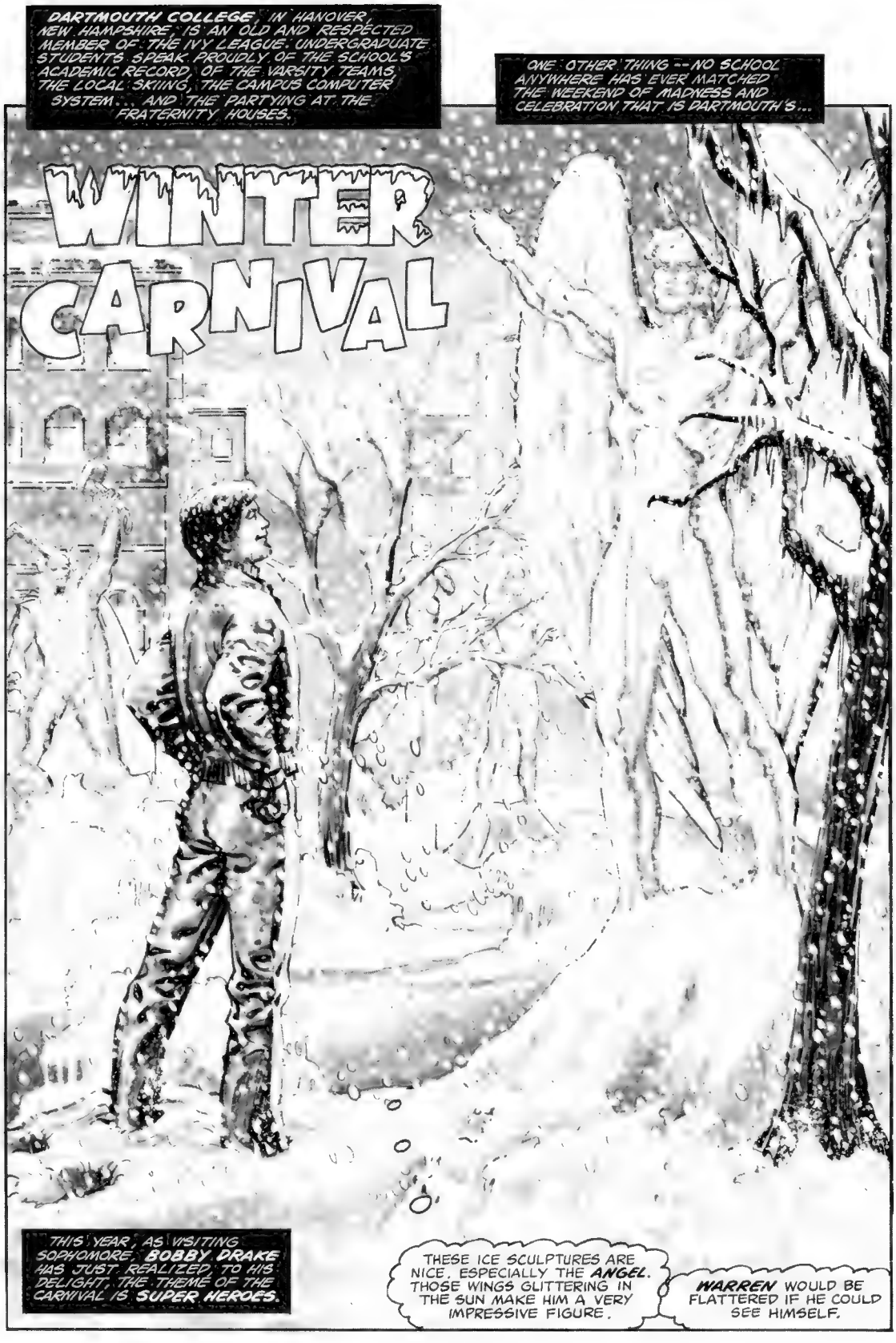
Given Name — Robert L. Drake
Birthplace — Floral Park, New York
Parents — Robert N. & Beatrice Drake

POWERS--

Cryothermic: Iceman's body chemistry is such that he is able to concentrate and freeze the moisture around him into a protective icy covering. His mental control of this "ice-generating power" is such that he can create vast sheets of ice and/or snow, and form a variety of objects — such as slides, ladders, shields, etc. — all of considerable strength.

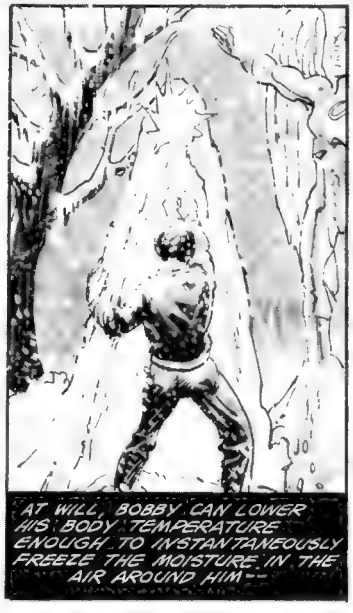
COMMENTS--

One of the original *X-Men* — as well as being a founding member of the short-lived *Champions* super-team — Robert is currently furthering his education at a major eastern university.


DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, IN HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, IS AN OLD AND RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE IVY LEAGUE. UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS SPEAK PROUDLY OF THE SCHOOL'S ACADEMIC RECORD, OF THE VARSITY TEAMS, THE LOCAL SKIING, THE CAMPUS COMPUTER SYSTEM... AND THE PARTYING AT THE FRATERNITY HOUSES.
ONE OTHER THING -- NO SCHOOL ANYWHERE HAS EVER MATCHED THE WEEKEND OF MADNESS AND CELEBRATION THAT IS DARTMOUTH'S...
WINTER CARNIVAL
THIS YEAR, AS VISITING SOPHOMORE, BOBBY DRAKE HAS JUST REALIZED TO HIS DELIGHT, THE THEME OF THE CARNIVAL IS SUPER HEROES.
THESE ICE SCULPTURES ARE NICE, ESPECIALLY THE ANGEL. THOSE WINGS GLITTERING IN THE SUN MAKE HIM A VERY IMPRESSIVE FIGURE.
WARREN WOULD BE FLATTERED IF HE COULD SEE HIMSELF.

THERE ARE A LOT OF THESE FIGURES... SOME OF THEM ARE OF PEOPLE I DON'T EVEN RECOGNIZE... BUT ANGEL'S THE ONLY X-MAN, PAST OR PRESENT, IN THE LOT.
IT DOESN'T SEEM FAIR...

LIKE HIS FORMER TEAMMATES, THE UNCANNY X-MEN, BOBBY IS A MUTANT, A PERSON GIFTED WITH A UNIQUE TALENT THROUGH A QUIRK IN HIS GENETIC MAKEUP.
THERE'S NO REASON THE ICEMAN SHOULDN'T BE REPRESENTED HERE... AS LONG AS NO ONE SEES ME DO THIS...


AT WILL, BOBBY CAN LOWER HIS BODY TEMPERATURE ENOUGH TO INSTANTANEOUSLY FREEZE THE MOISTURE IN THE AIR AROUND HIM--

--AND MANIPULATE THE ICE INTO FORMS OF HIS OWN CHOOSING. IN SHORT, BOBBY DRAKE IS THE ICEMAN.
VERRY NICE! DA VINCI AND MICHELANGELO COULDN'T HAVE DONE BETTER...
OF COURSE, MAYBE IF THEY'D HAD SUCH A HANDSOME SUBJECT...

WELL, WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT! SOMEONE WENT AND STUCK ANOTHER STATUE IN FRONT OF OUR FRAT! THE NERVE!
OH, HI, GUYS.

I BET IT WAS THOSE ANIMALS FROM ALPHA-DELTA. IT LOOKS LIKE THEIR KIND OF SHABBY WORKMANSHIP.
DID YOU SEE WHERE IT CAME FROM, DRAKE?
SURE. IT JUST SUDDENLY GREW THERE.

OH, A WISE GUY. DO YOU KNOW WHAT WE DO TO VISITING WISE-GUYS HERE?
I DON'T KNOW ... SOMETHING LIKE--

PAF

HEY, ALL RIGHT! SNOWBALL FIGHT!

YEAH! EVERYBODY AGAINST BOBBY!
YEAH! LET'S GET HIM!
FINE WITH ME!
HAH-HAH! THAT'LL TEACH YOU TO TRY A SNEAK ATTACK ON YOUR OL' PAL, FRANCIS! I'VE GOT FRIENDS!

IN POINT OF FACT, NO ONE HAS FRIENDS IN A GOOD SNOWBALL FIGHT. THERE ARE ONLY ADVERSARIES, PLENTY OF THEM, EAGER TO JOIN IN...
... WITH HIGH SPIRITS, LOTS OF SOFT, WET AMMUNITION CLOSE AT HAND: IN SHORT, HAPPY MAYHEM...

OKAY, OKAY, ENOUGH ALREADY. LET'S GIVE THE POOR BOY A BREAK. EVEN DRAKE'S GOT TO ADMIT WE'VE PUMMELLED HIM UNMERCIFULLY.
DREAM ON, PAL. I'M JUST GETTING STARTED.

COME ON, WHY DON'T YOU JUST ADMIT THE BEST MAN WON.
THE BEST MAN DID WIN-- ME.
GOOD, JUST SO IT'S SETTLED. SAY... DID YOU BRING WHAT'S HER NAME ... MARY... JERRI...?
NO, I DUMPED HER LAST SEMESTER SHE WAS TOO FICKLE.

GOOD, 'CAUSE THERE'S THIS FRESHMAN IN MY DORM WHO--!
HELP!
WHAT IN--!

STOP THOSE MEN, SOMEBODY, PLEASE!
THEY'RE STEALING COMPONENTS OF THE NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM!
UH-OH... CAMPUS FUZZ AHEAD!
GET READY TO BLAST 'EM... SET THE GUNS TO "STUN"!

FAR OUT!
BUBBA... THOSE GUYS LOOK SERIOUS!
WITNESSES! WE'D BETTER TAKE CARE OF THEM, TOO!

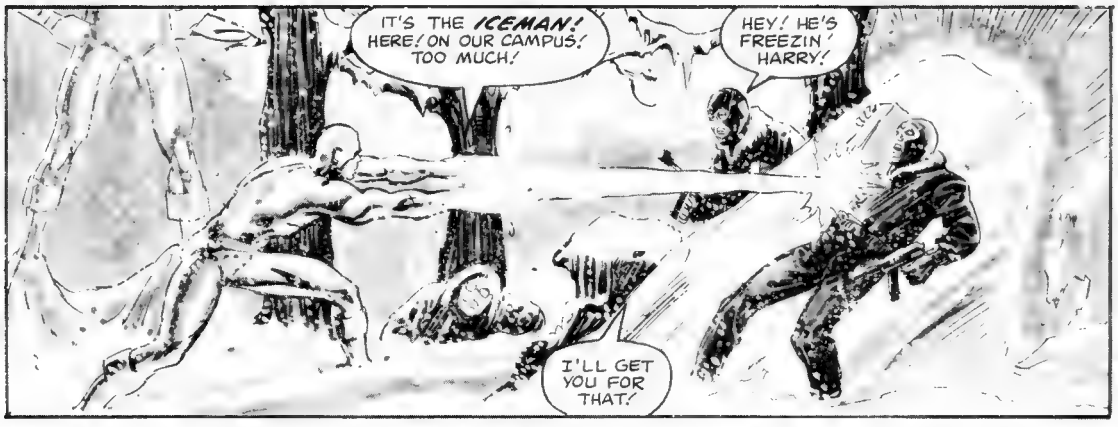
NO, PLEASE I--!
DON'T!

ONE WITNESS, HOWEVER, HAS MANAGED TO DUCK OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE...
THOSE... ANIMALS! THEY'RE CUTTING DOWN EVERYONE WHO MIGHT GET IN THEIR WAY!

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE WOULD ROB A SCHOOL ANYWAY?

THEN, THE TRANSFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND INSTANTANEOUS... BOBBY DRAKE'S OUTER CLOTHES FREEZE AND SHATTER...
...REVEALING THE FROZEN COSTUME BENEATH, AS BOBBY GENERATES WAVES OF INTENSE COLD INTO THE AIR SURROUNDING HIS BODY, COATING HIS OWN SKIN WITH ICE.

WHO IS THAT?

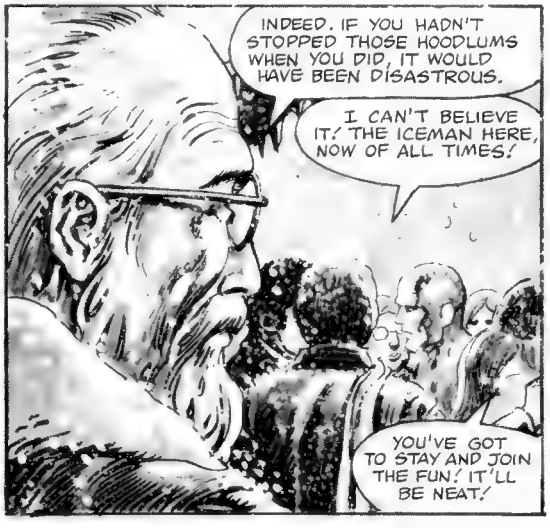

IT'S THE ICEMAN! HERE! ON OUR CAMPUS! TOO MUCH!
HEY! HE'S FREEZIN' HARRY!
I'LL GET YOU FOR THAT!

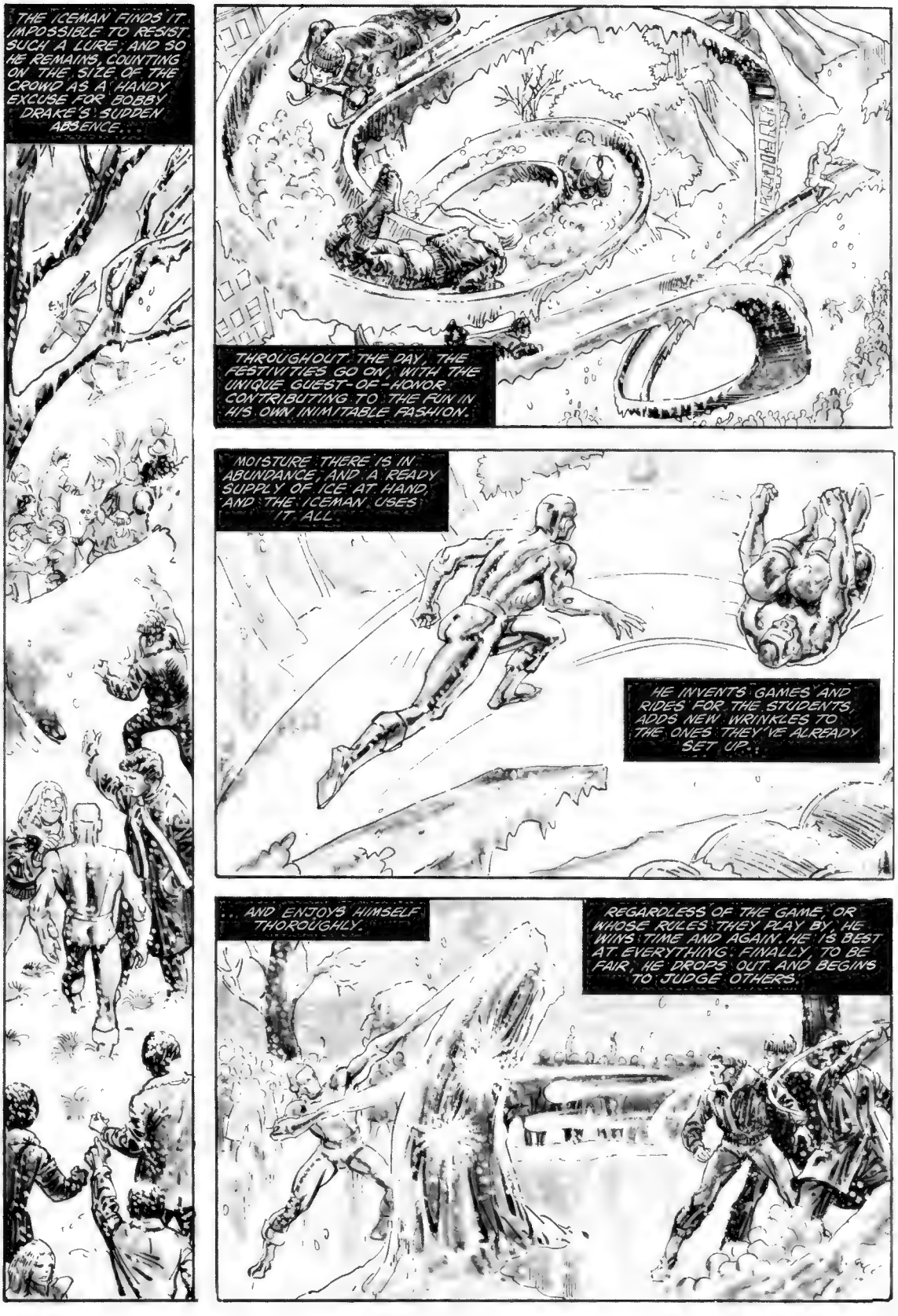
NOT AS LONG AS I CAN FORM MYSELF A SHIELD EVEN FASTER THAN I TRAPPED YOUR FRIEND, YOU WON'T!

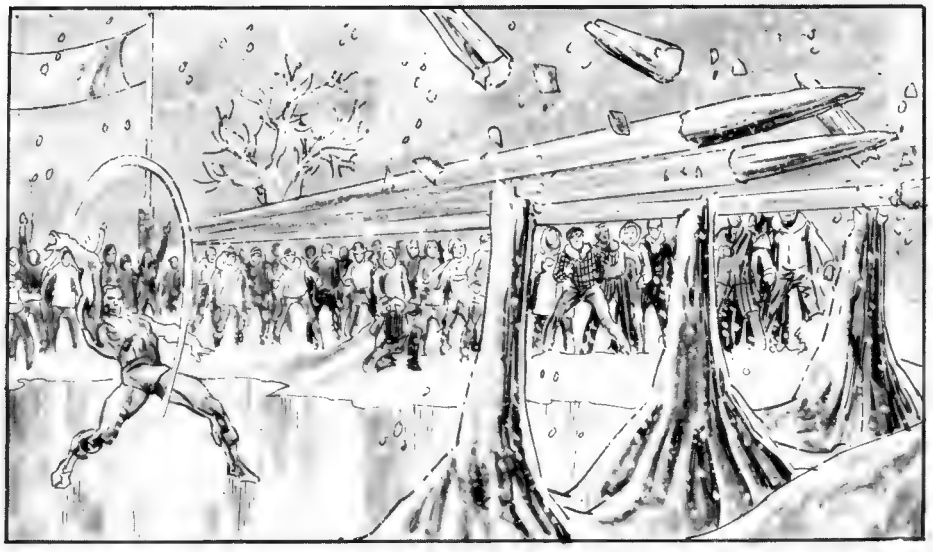
¡ACK¡
IN FACT, ICE MAKES A GREAT OFFENSIVE WEAPON, AS WELL!

AS LONG AS YOU CRASHED THE WINTER CARNIVAL, YOU MAY AS WELL HELP US CELEBRATE, SO GO ON... ENJOY YOURSELF. HAVE A SNOW-BALL!

AND, AFTER THE CAMPUS REINFORCEMENTS HAVE ARRIVED...
MR....ER...
ICEMAN.
MR. ICEMAN, WE CAN'T TELL YOU HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE TO YOU. THAT NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE SCHOOL.


INDEED. IF YOU HADN'T STOPPED THOSE HOODLUMS WHEN YOU DID, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DISASTROUS.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THE ICEMAN HERE, NOW OF ALL TIMES!
YOU'VE GOT TO STAY AND JOIN THE FUN! IT'LL BE NEAT!


THE ICEMAN FINDS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO RESIST SUCH A LURE, AND SO HE REMAINS, COUNTING ON THE SIZE OF THE CROWD AS A HANDY EXCUSE FOR BOBBY DRAKE'S SUDDEN ABSENCE...
THROUGHOUT THE DAY, THE FESTIVITIES GO ON, WITH THE UNIQUE GUEST-OF-HONOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE FUN IN HIS OWN INIMITABLE FASHION.
MOISTURE THERE IS IN ABUNDANCE, AND A READY SUPPLY OF ICE AT HAND, AND THE ICEMAN USES IT ALL.
HE INVENTS GAMES AND RIDES FOR THE STUDENTS, ADDS NEW WRINKLES TO THE ONES THEY'VE ALREADY SET UP...
... AND ENJOYS HIMSELF THOROUGHLY.
REGARDLESS OF THE GAME, OR WHOSE RULES THEY PLAY BY, HE WINS TIME AND AGAIN. HE IS BEST AT EVERYTHING. FINALLY, TO BE FAIR, HE DROPS OUT AND BEGINS TO JUDGE OTHERS.



I DON'T BELIEVE IT! HE DID IT!

ICEMAN
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I NEVER REALIZED UP UNTIL NOW HOW GREAT IT IS TO SOLO. FOR ONCE, I'M ALONE ... NOT GETTING LOST IN A TEAM. THESE PEOPLE ARE CHEERING FOR ME!
HE IS IN HIS ELEMENT.

FINALLY, THAT EVENING IN THAYER DINING HALL...
BUDDY-BOY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE ANYTIME YOU OUGHT TO STICK AROUND. YOU'D LOVE IT.
MAYBE I WOULD AT THAT...
WE'VE GOT GREAT CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, AND A TERRIFIC ICE HOCKEY TEAM...
HEY, LOOK WHO'S COMING.
MAKE WAY, KIDS. LET THE LIEUTENANT THROUGH.
ARE WE UNDER ARREST...? IF THE GUYS IN SIGMU NU ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT THAT COW WE PUT IN THEIR LIVING ROOM, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
RELAX, KID. I'M NOT INTERESTED IN FRATERNITY RIVALRIES. I'M JUST A VISITING ALUMNUS.
NAME'S LIEUTENANT JIMMY D'ANGELO. THE CAMPUS POLICE ASKED ME TO HELP IN THEIR INVESTIGATION OF THIS AFTERNOON'S LITTLE INCIDENT.
BY THE WAY... GOOD WORK, FROSTY.

SO KID, WHAT DID YOU SEE BEFORE YOU GOT BLASTED?
NOT A LOT. I'M AFRAID IT ALL HAPPENED TOO FAST.
WHAT WERE THE THIEVES AFTER, LIEUTENANT?

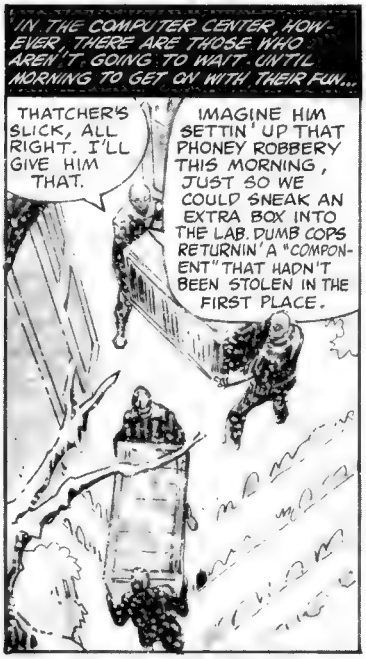
NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM--HOT STUFF. IT WAS DESIGNED BY A GUY CALLED YELLOWJACKET, A BIG-DEAL BIG APPLE SUPER HERO--
--WHO ALSO HAPPENS TO BE DR. HENRY PYM ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP CYBERNETICS WHIZZES.

"HE SENT HIS NEW LITTLE WONDER TOY UP HERE TO BE HOOKED INTO THE MAIN COMPUTER FOR TESTING..."
"NOT TO WORRY, THOUGH. EVERYTHING THOSE GUYS CARRIED OFF IS SAFELY BACK INSIDE THE COMPUTER CENTER, WITH THE DOOR LOCKED."

HONK!
BLASTED NEW ENGLAND WINTERS.
COFFEE
DID YOU SEE THE MAN WHO SOUNDED THE ALARM?
OF COURSE. ONE OF THE MEN WHO WORKED IN THE COMPUTER LAB, WASN'T HE?
SURE. THAT IS PROFESSOR... WHATSISNAME...
DO YOU KNOW HIM, BUBBA?

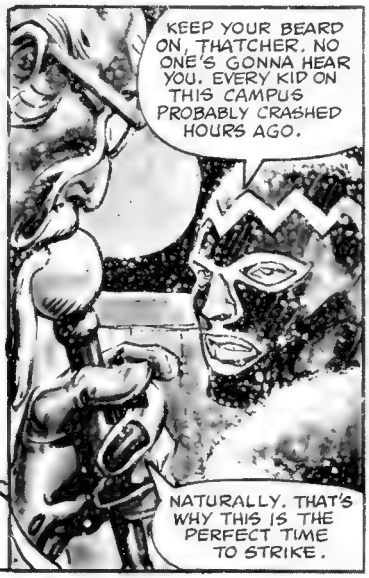
SURE. I SEE HIM IN THE MATH DEPARTMENT ALL THE TIME. I'M NOT SURE WHAT HE TEACHES ... I GUESS NONE OF MY FRIENDS IS IN ANY OF HIS COURSES, BUT HE'S BEEN HERE SINCE THE TERM STARTED.
HHMMM...

NIGHT FALLS AND SO DOES THE SNOW; HOUR AFTER HOUR COVERING UP THE FOOTPRINTS AND SIGNS OF THE PREVIOUS DAY'S MERRYMAKING, AS IF PREPARING FOR A FRESH START.


IN THE COMPUTER CENTER, HOWEVER, THERE ARE THOSE WHO AREN'T GOING TO WAIT UNTIL MORNING TO GET ON WITH THEIR FUN...
THATCHER'S SLICK, ALL RIGHT. I'LL GIVE HIM THAT.
IMAGINE HIM SETTIN' UP THAT PHONEY ROBBERY THIS MORNING, JUST SO WE COULD SNEAK AN EXTRA BOX INTO THE LAB. DUMB COPS RETURNIN' A "COMPONENT" THAT HADN'T BEEN STOLEN IN THE FIRST PLACE.

NEVER KNOWIN' THERE WAS A GUY HIDDEN INSIDE THE CRATE, ALL NICE AN' SNUG, WAITIN' TILL THINGS CLOSED DOWN SO HE COULD SHUT DOWN THE ALARM AND UNLOCK THE DOOR FOR US.
BE QUIET, YOU MORON.

DO YOU WANT THE WHOLE WORLD TO HEAR ABOUT IT?


KEEP YOUR BEARD ON, THATCHER. NO ONE'S GONNA HEAR YOU. EVERY KID ON THIS CAMPUS PROBABLY CRASHED HOURS AGO.
NATURALLY. THAT'S WHY THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME TO STRIKE.

PROFESSOR THATCHER AND HIS MEN SKULK ALONG, CARRYING THEIR BOOTY DOWN FRATERNITY ROW...

LOOK AT THEM ALL... JUST FIGURES IN ICE.

WATCHING US... IMPOTENT... HELPLESS TO STOP US... MERE FIGURINES...

IF THIS WERE NEW YORK, THERE'D BE REAL SUPER HEROES... HEROES EVERY-WHERE... WE'D TRIP OVER THEM, THERE'D BE SO MANY IF WE EVER TRIED TO COMIT A CRIME THERE...

I COULD NEVER HAVE STOLEN PROFESSOR PYM'S PROCESS IN NEW YORK, NO BUT I WAS CLEVER...

I WAITED TILL HE SENT IT UP HERE TO THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, WITH NO SUPER HEROES...

NO AVENGERS, NO FANTASTIC FOUR, NO ANGEL, NO SPIDER-MAN ... NO ICEMAN...

?

SAY... AM I MISTAKEN... OR DID WE JUST WALK PAST *TWO* STATUES OF THE...?

ICEMAN!

SURPRISE!

PLEASE, BE REASONABLE. I SUFFER FROM CHILBLAINS.

OH, NO!

DON'T STAND THERE MOANING, YOU IMBECILE. USE THE BLASTER I GAVE YOU.

WRONG.
RIGHT.
HEY...THAT ICE IS SO THICK WE CAN'T BLAST OUR WAY THROUGH IT. OUR GUNS DON'T HAVE THE POWER.

Y'KNOW, THIS IS FUN! I NEVER REALIZED HOW NEAT IT COULD BE TO SOLO...
NO TEAM-MATES TO WORRY ABOUT, AND MY KIND OF CLIMATE, TOO!
MAYBE I SHOULD THINK ABOUT TRANSFERING HERE.

THAT POOR GUY'S HAVING SO MUCH TROUBLE MOVING THROUGH THE SNOW, I COULD PROBABLY CATCH HIM JUST BY RUNNING AFTER HIM...

BUT IT'S A LOT MORE FUN TO LET AN ICE-SLIDE DO MY WORK FOR ME.
YOWLP!

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE FOOLS OF ME AND MY MEN, DO YOU?
FROM THE SOUND OF THINGS, YOU WERE HALFWAY THERE BEFORE I ARRIVED.
WHAT--?!

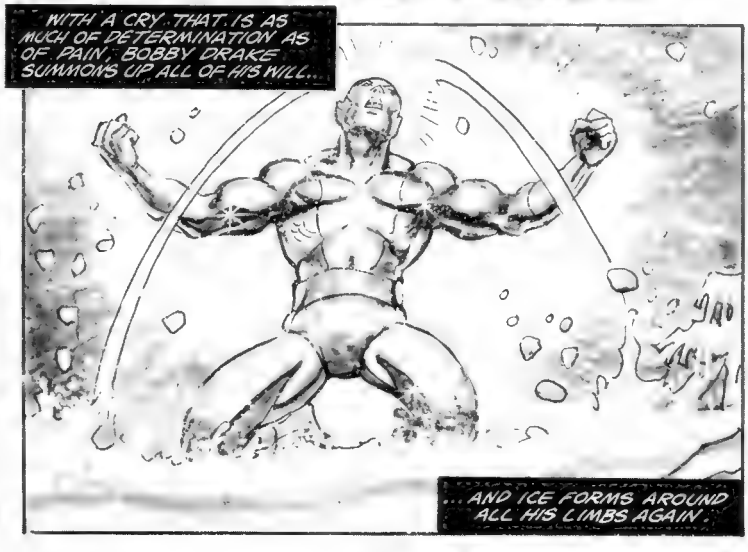
THOSE BLASTERS WHOSE EFFECTS YOU'VE BEEN SO CASUALLY SHRUGGING OFF ARE MY OWN CREATION... AND THEY ARE MERE TOYS COMPARED TO THE ONE I'VE CONCEALED IN MY CANE...
... WHOSE EFFECT YOU SHALL NOW FEEL.

FAREWELL, ICEMAN!

NOW, TO BE ON MY WAY, WHILE I STILL HAVE PYM'S BLUEPRINTS IN MY POCKETS.
THAT WAS TOO MUCH... TOO MUCH...
I CAN'T GO ON...

HE'S GETTING AWAY.
I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM...
:UUUHHNN: INSIDES FEEL LIKE THEY'D BEEN ... PULPED.

BUT I CAN'T BE BEATEN LIKE THIS ... I CAN'T...
I'VE GOT TO GET UP AND GET AFTER HIM...


WITH A CRY, THAT IS AS MUCH OF DETERMINATION AS OF PAIN, BOBBY DRAKE SUMMONS UP ALL OF HIS WILL...
...AND ICE FORMS AROUND ALL HIS LIMBS AGAIN.

THAT'S ONE FOR THE BOOKS, ANYWAY-- NEVER GET TOO CHUMMY WITH THE OPPOSITION TILL YOU KNOW WHAT HE'S GOT IN HAND...
OR UP HIS SLEEVE.
LOOKS LIKE THATCHER ISN'T MAKING VERY GOOD TIME IN ALL THIS SNOW.

WHAT, YOU AGAIN? VERY WELL...
WHERE ONE BLAST FAILED TO DESTROY YOU, TWO MAY DO THE TRICK.

NO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MAYBE I'D JUST BETTER PULL A STRATEGIC RETREAT AND GET OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE.

WHERE'D THATCHER RUN OFF TO NOW? OH, I SEE.
HE'S GONE DOWN THE SKI SLOPE.

HOW VERY OBLIGING OF HIM.

THE ICEMAN IS SO FRIGHTENED OF MY BLASTER CANE THAT HE ISN'T EVEN COMING AFTER ME.
AND WITH THIS HEAD START, HE'LL NEVER CATCH UP-- NEVER!
WANNA BET?
HEY, THATCHER--
--WHAT ARE THE ODDS ON YOU HITTING A MOVING TARGET?
WOOSH
JUST AS I THOUGHT--NOT VERY GOOD.
HEY, WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WE HEARD ALL THAT NOISE, DECIDED TO COME OUT AN' JOIN YOUR PARTY.
UNLESS YOU'D RATHER COME INSIDE AN' JOIN OURS.
STUDENTS: BUT I... I DON'T...
I DON'T BELIEVE IT... FRANCIS, BUBBA, AMY, AND BLAIR!
GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU--!
C'MON, MAN, COOL OUT! HIC HAVE A BREW.
WE GOT A WHOLE CASE INSIDE.
BUT, FRANCIS, THOSE ARE WARM.
SO WHAT? ICEMAN'LL OBLIGE. HE'S A COOL GUY.

ALL RIGHT, ICEMAN. I'M WARNING YOU... I'VE SET OFF A CHAIN REACTION IN THIS BLASTER. UNLESS YOU LET ME LEAVE NOW, WITH THE PLANS...
I SHALL LET IT BUILD TO CRITICAL MASS. THE ENSUING EXPLOSION WILL KILL US ALL!

STOP... WAIT... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I HAVEN'T GOT TIME TO FIGURE OUT HOW THIS BLASTER WORKS, SO I BETTER JUST GET IT OUT OF HERE, FAST!

YOU CAN'T CONTAIN THE BLAST THAT WAY!
DESPERATELY, AS FAST AS HE IS ABLE, THE ICEMAN CREATES MORE AND MORE ICE FROM HIS FINGERTIPS FORCING THE FROZEN COLUMN THAT CONTAINS THE BLASTER EVER HIGHER AWAY FROM THE STUDENTS ...UNTIL...
FAR OUT.

BLUA-THOOM

NOT A BAD JOB AT ALL, BOBBY-BOY!
LOOKS LIKE DAWN CAME A LITTLE EARLY TODAY...

OR MAYBE DARTMOUTH JUST GOT HERSELF A NEW STAR...

YOU CAUGHT HIM RED HANDED, PLANS AN'ALL. GOOD WORK. WHAT PUT YOU ON TO HIM?
IT WASN'T HARD TO FIGURE... A ROBBERY THAT WAS OBVIOUSLY ENGINEERED TO FAIL... A SO-CALLED PROFESSOR THAT NO ONE ON THE FACULTY EVER HEARD OF.

I WONDER IF IT'S TOO LATE IN THE WEEKEND FOR ME TO MEET THAT FRIEND OF FRANCIS'S...
COCKY PUNK.

GUESS WHAT.!> < YOU SAVED OUR COMPUTER FOR US. THIS CALLS FOR A CELEBRATION.
ICEMAN, YOU ARE OKAY WITH US.
THANKS.

YEAH. SO HOW COME, IF YOU'RE SO GREAT--
--I NEVER HEARD OF YOU?
WHAT--?!

I...GUESS IT'S BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN OVERSHADOWED BY MY TEAM-MATES.
YOU WILL BE HEARING FROM ME, LIEUTENANT, FROM NOW ON. A LOT. COUNT ON IT.

END